

HUD Definitions and Programs

Homeless: A person sleeping in a place not fit for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets or in an emergency shelter). In addition, persons who ordinarily sleep on the street or in emergency or transitional housing but are spending a short time (30 consecutive days or less) in a hospital or other institution will also be considered eligible for assistance.

Disabling Condition: A diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of two or more of these conditions. A disabling condition limits an individual's ability to work or perform one or more activities of daily living.

Chronically Homeless: An unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years